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**Art Unit 3728**  
**Mail Stop RCE**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Sole for Increased Circulation**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the RCE filing fee;
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/30);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116; and
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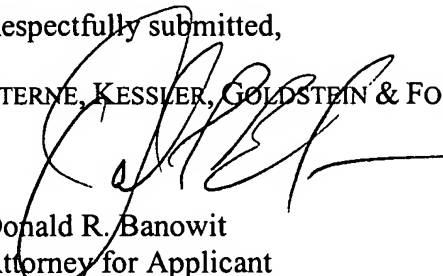
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